

CLAIMS

1. A probe for medical use comprising:

at least one tube (1) having at least one opening (2) for receiving air insufflation; and

5 a first cuff (3), arranged around the tube (1) in a region of its external wall; said first cuff (3) being inflatable through a first conduit (5) that has an opening into the interior of the first cuff (6) and another opening into the interior of the tube (7).

2. A probe according to claim 1, wherein the first cuff (3) is located close to the end of the tube (1) opposite that where the opening (2) that receives air insufflation is located.

3. A probe according to claim 2, comprising a second conduit (8) at the tube wall, which extends along the length of the tube (1), being connectable to an external means, and having, close to one of its ends, bores (9) that communicate the interior of the tube with the interior of said second conduit (8).

4. A probe according to claims 1, 2 or 3, further comprising a third conduit (10) at the tube wall, which extends along the length of the tube (1), being connectable to an external means, and having, close to one of its ends, bores (11) that communicate the interior of said third conduit (10) with the external region of the tube (1).

5. A probe according to claims 3 or 4, wherein the external means is a suction means.

6. A probe according to claims 3, 4 or 5, wherein each of said second (8) and third (10) conduits has another end that extends out of the tube (1) for coupling a first connection means (12), which has a switch (13) for controlling the suction at said second (8) and third (10) conduits and being coupled to a suction means.

7. A probe according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein said first conduit (5), which links the interior of the first cuff (3) to the interior of the tube (1), is connectable to a second connection means (14), which has a switch (15) for controlling the operation mode of said probe.

8. A probe according to any one of claims 1 to 7, comprising a second cuff (16) similar to the first one (30), also linked to the interior of the first conduit (5) to be inflated and deflated in conjunction with the first cuff (3), located close to the end of the tube (1) where the opening (2) that receives
5 air insufflation is located.

9. A probe according to claim 8, wherein the first conduit (5) is a passageway made in the wall of the tube (1), having a portion outside the wall of the tube (1).

10. A probe according to claim 9, wherein said external portion of
10 the conduit (5) is concertina shaped (21) close to the end connected to the second cuff (16).

11. A probe according to any one of claims 1 to 10, comprising means (4) that provide the tube (1) with an elastic memory, located along the wall of the tube (1).

15 12. A probe according to claim 11, wherein said means (4) that provide the tube (1) with an elastic memory are radiopaques.

13. A probe according to any one of claims 1 to 12, further comprising a second tube (17) similar to the first one (1), laterally coupled to the first tube (1), wherein the first conduit of the second tube (18) extends as far
20 as the inside of the first cuff (3) of the first tube (1).

14. A probe according to claim 13, wherein said second tube (17) is shorter than the first tube (1).